

Memorandum



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DATE : October 25, 1976

TO : Bob Walker

FROM : Pete Henault .

SUBJECT: PCB STORAGE AT SOUTH SERVICE CENTER

On October 8, Dennis Stefani of EPA along with Bob Reineke inspected our facilities at the South Service Center for handling and storing PCB's. Bob reports that Mr. Stefani was very impressed with the attitude shown by City Light employees towards this environmentally harmful chemical. However, Mr. Stefani expressed some concern that the small PCB storage area was out in the open where rain could wash any inadvertent spill into a storm drain located about 20 feet away. He suggested we curb around the area and put a roof over it to eliminate any possibility of such a spill reaching the drain.

I recommend that we begin taking immediate steps to implement his suggestion and that we assign it a high priority due to the harmful nature of the chemical involved. I also recommend that we enclose the PCB storage area within a small chain link or wooden fence, which will protect the PCB containers from being accidentally damaged by people working near them, while still allowing proper ventilation of the area.

Due to the extremely hazardous nature of this chemical, I think City Light should do everything possible to minimize the chance of PCB's in our system being released into the natural environment. As the area used to store PCB's is small, the steps I've recommended can be accomplished quickly and with relatively little effort.

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